

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 10, line 27, as follows:

--In a preferred embodiment of the invention, a rectangular stuffer yarns or stuffers are stuffed into spiral 10 ~~is employed~~ to control the depth of coating penetration. Alternatively, an open and/or otherwise stuffed spiral can be similarly used. Note that the coating thickness 18 above the surface plane of the spiral 12 can vary from 0 to 4 mm. It is further noted that the coating 16 may comprise polyurethanes, polyvinyl chloride, silicone rubber, synthetic rubbers such as nitrile or styrene butadiene rubber, or other material suitable for the purpose.--